

# THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT.

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## SALINA & COLBY RY.—TIME TABLE.

West.	STATIONS.	East.
27 1/2 Pass'r Lv. daily ex Sun- day.	27 1/2 Pass'r Lv. daily ex Sun- day.	27 1/2 Pass'r Lv. daily ex Sun- day.
10.00	Salina	11.40
10.40	Lincoln Center	10.57
11.00	Plainville	10.40
11.40	Hill City	10.53
12.15	Hoxie	10.45
12.30	Colby	10.35
2.15	Oakley	2.15

C. K. & N. ROCK ISLAND ROUTE—NOV 18, '98.

## GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Dist from Colo.	Dist from Ex.	Day Ex.	Nt. Ex.	Ac- com.
Chicago	1110	888	11.00	1.45	
St. Joseph	610	388	8.30	9.45	
Kansas City	624	402	8.55	9.50	
Norton	292	70	9.55	11.00	
Jennings	298	46	10.48	11.29	1.40
Selden	250	28	11.27	12.07	4.31
COLBY	222	0	12.17	12.53	7.08
Goodland	186	36	1.40	2.20	10.00
Burlington (Colo.)	156	66	2.53	3.33	
Limon (C P Crossing)	79	143	3.53	4.33	
Falcon (F W & D Cross)	19	293	7.35	7.58	
Colorado Springs	222	222	8.40	8.40	
*Pueblo	45	267	5.00	5.05	
*Denver	75	297	7.15	1.00	

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COLBY	222	0	3.55	4.06	8.05
Selden	250	28	4.31	4.54	10.00
Jennings	298	46	5.08	5.28	11.55
Norton	292	70	5.58	6.19	2.45
Kansas City	624	402	7.30	7.35	
St. Joseph	610	388	7.45	7.50	
Chicago	1110	888	6.25	1.15	

\*Daily except Sunday. All other trains daily.

\*Mountain time. D. WALLACE, Agent.

## R. L. RIDDLE,

## Farm Loans.

Deeded Lands sold to eastern parties.

CAT office does best job work.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

Subscribe for the CAT, it has most news.

Fine job work at reasonable rates at CAT office.

Good meals served at all hours at the Rock Island Restaurant.

H. C. Shimp is closing out his stock of Clothing, Furnishing goods, &c.

Rock Island Restaurant serves fine meals at all hours, and prices reasonable.

R. G. Ball, proprietor.

For a cash buyer we have a fine piece of town property at a bargain. Inquire at this office.

PHOTOGRAPHS.—Gallery open this week under charge of A. S. Steele, who does first class work.

A full line of all kinds of footwear from the largest men's to the smallest child ren's size at Boerner Bros.

We especially call attention to the great combination offered in this paper with the Philadelphia Weekly Press.

The Thomas County CAT and Weekly Press for \$1.75 in advance. All subscribers to this paper are entitled to this offer.

Specimen copy of the Press may be procured at this office.

To the farmers and others of Thomas county wanting forest trees for timber culture and ornamental planting, I would say that I have made arrangements whereby I can furnish them first-class trees at greatly reduced prices. Am also agent for Stark Nursery, Louisiana, Mo.

H. H. MILLER.

AGENTS—"Social Mirror," introduced by Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, is having the largest sale of any strictly subscription book published. Send for circulars and terms. Exclusive territory guaranteed. Hoping to secure your services for 1899, we are yours truly,

LYMAN W. DICKERSON & Co.,

46-8 919 Olive Str., St. Louis, Mo.

## Coal of standard

## grades at lowest

## rates. Weight guar-

## anteed at Meglemre

## & Lovitt's.

In NEW QUARTERS.—The hardware and agricultural implement store of E. Ramsey has been removed to the southwest corner of Franklin avenue and Fourth street. Here Mr. Ramsey will be glad to welcome all comers and show them their large and fine stock of Hardware, Pumps, Tinware, Cutlery, Harness, Saddles, and agricultural implements of all kinds. Come and see us in our new quarters.

Buy your arctics at Boerner Bros. 38tf

Agricultural implements of all kinds at Meglemre's.

Do you want a fine oil painting? If so go to Shimp's.

Dr. J. W. Martin is visiting St Joe and other points about his old home in Missouri.

J. B. Morrison & Sons have built an awning in front their store—a much needed improvement.

Every pair of boots or shoes is warranted at Boerner Bros. 38tf

Dr. C. H. Martin is at work in the central part of the state on the business of the National Building Association.

Mr. L. S. Barger, of this county, called on Saturday to pay and renew his subscription. Both call and subscription very acceptable.

Mr. Oscar Williams, of Summers Tp., was in on Wednesday to settle up his subscription. Mr. Williams spent the fall in Nebraska engaged in husking corn.

Get our prices on arctics before you buy. Boerner Bros. 38tf

Chas. Buschow, president Farmers & Merchants bank, departed for Red Cloud Neb., to look after business interests that he has there. He will be absent about ten days.

STRAYED: On Friday, Jan. 25, a two year old red heifer, white strips in face. Taken up please inform.

AUGUST WOLF, Colby. N. E. 20-7-85

Van Epps' gallery open this week. Prices reasonable. He does first class work.

This office acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Chicago Daily News Almanac for 1899. This is a valuable work of 186 pages, brimful of interesting and accurate political, geographical and historical data. The price is 25 cents and the work is one that every household in the land should possess. It may be obtained from the Daily News Co., Chicago, Ill. Price 25 cents.

The New York Graphic has been recently purchased and completely reorganized as a vigorously republican newspaper. It is said that Senator Quay, S. B. Elkins and other prominent republicans are concerned in the reorganization of the Graphic. If so, the Graphic is surely going to become a power in the republican party, and already shows wonderful improvement.

Salina Journal: We suggest to the farmers that they make three periods of planting their crops, especially their corn, to wit: One early (as soon as spring sets in) one subsequent (in about 6 weeks) and one later (not later than the first of June.) In this way with a thorough tilling of the soil, if a crop is to be caught the farmer will be sure to secure it. A rousing third crop of average planting insures farmers a good yield, and a full crop all around will give him an immense yield. These ideas are based on practical experience.

Logan Co. Republican: "In commenting on our assertion that the people of Colby were in favor of the 'shoe-string' division of the judicial district, the Cat says: 'That is the first time we have ever heard that four or five attorneys constituted the Colby people.' On a matter of this kind the feeling among the members of the bar is a good criterion to go by in judging of the feeling of the community, and if there are any more attorneys in Colby than those whose names appeared in a recent issue of the Colby Tribune as being in favor of the 'shoe-string' division, that profession comes very near being overcrowded in our neighboring county seat."

Yet strange as it may seem there are several.

The citizens of Thomas county are "bent" on having a sugar plant. We admire the pluck and energy of the citizens of Thomas county and especially of the progressive and wide-awake little city of Colby. No industry that could be mentioned will do as much toward developing the great west as that of the sorghum sugar industry. Our citizens will do well to look this matter up and see what can be done toward securing such a plant for this vicinity. You will find a few cronic kickers, men who will try to discourage any such movement, but go ahead with a will, work together and work hard for that which will enhance the value of your property, your homes and at the same time give the needy farmer a market for his product. Somebody make a move in the matter. It will cost nothing to get together and talk it over, and much good may come from a conference in the matter. Wake up and let outsiders know we are alive.—Grainfield CapShief.

The following bill introduced in the Kansas legislature by Mr. Chambers, of Sheridan county, has passed the lower house: Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Kansas: "SECTION 1. That section one of chapter one hundred and fifty-two of the session laws of 1871 be amended so as to read as follows: Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any state treasurer, or any of his deputies or clerks, or any city treasurer, or any of his deputies or clerks, or any county officer, or any of his deputies or clerks, to buy directly or indirectly, or in any wise become a party in the purchase of or traffic in any state, county, or city warrant, or any state, county, or city scrip, or any bill, account, claim, or evidence of indebtedness against this state, or against any county or city of this state, for any sum less than the par value expressed upon the face thereof, except such amounts of said state, county, or city warrants as may be necessary to pay his individual taxes." It goes into force at once and is a good law.

Snow about all gone.

Did you attend Queen Esther.

Bob sleds are again out of fashion.

Wm. Baldwin was in the city Monday.

Hardware stock to be closed out at J. E. Meglemre's.

A grand wolf hunt is projected in Hale township before long.

Read our extraordinary club offer to be found in another column.

A pleasant call from County Commissioner Smith on Wednesday.

Sample copies Topeka Weekly-Capital Commonwealth at this office.

Farmer Taylor, living seven miles east of Colby, called on us Tuesday.

Quarantine is lifted. See commissioners proceedings in another column.

D. P. Coppock, of Hale township, favored us with a short call on Tuesday.

Stationery—retail at wholesale prices. BAYHA, the Stationer.

Twenty Books offered free by the Thomas County CAT. See our great club offer.

Crown Point linen collars and all the newest styles in ties just received at Shimp's.

Register of Deeds Passell is now all alone in his office and was found knee deep in work Wednesday.

Willis Summer, of Wendell township, was in the city on Thursday last and made this office a very pleasant call.

Visit Van Epps' photograph gallery this week if you want some fine work done. One week only.

The front of the Landis Court Drug Store has been usefully ornamented by a handsome awning.

Our esteemed contemporary, the Democrat, rather outdid itself last week in falsehoods concerning the last session of the county commissioners.

Probate Judge J. E. Lesh issued marriage license on Tuesday to Geo. W. Cayton and Stella Johnson, both of Chardon, Rawlins county.

Real estate and farm loans. J. P. BAYHA, Colby, Kans.

County Treasurer Hovey has been making up his quarterly report which will appear in next week's paper. The treasurer's office has been crowded with a great deal of work lately.

District Clerk C. E. Robbins was found at his post Wednesday morning waiting patiently for court work. Not many new cases are being filed as yet. Final proofs are coming in very slowly.

For the convenience of those living in the country wanting trees I will make Windsor House headquarters on Saturdays until March 1st, '99.

H. H. MILLER.

Just received, spring and summer suitings, in all the newest styles. Call and see them.

G. W. Dart, township treasurer of Wendell, was in the city on Thursday last, and left a notice, which appears in another column, that money was in his hands to pay all warrants issued prior to Jan. 30, 1888.

Clara, the 10-year-old daughter of County Clerk Summers, has been quite seriously ill from the effects of vaccination some weeks ago. Her arm is badly swollen and part of the time she has been confined to her bed. We are pleased to note that she is better.

I buy and sell, or exchange lands in Thomas County. ISAAC MUEHLHOLAND, Hoxie, Kansas.

Pleasant word comes from Rev. J. W. VanEman, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city. He is well, and located at Cora, Smith Co., Kansas. Rev. VanEman expects to visit Colby in the early spring and his many friends here will be glad to see and meet him.

Be sure and attend the Japanese festival of the ladies of the Baptist church are preparing for a very attractive evening. Japanese bric-a-brac for sale and other Japanese attractions. Japanese supper consisting of rice, rats, &c. Also a general supper. This means a most delicious repast will be served.

L. B. Train manager of the Chicago Lumber Co.'s yards in Colby, has been appointed auditor of the western Kansas yards of the company, taking Mr. C. E. Bennett's place. This is a fine appointment for the company. Hardly any one could so well fill the place of Mr. Bennett as Mr. Train.

The annual report of the county clerk is about ready, and will appear in this paper next week. County Clerk Summers and his deputy, C. C. Siggins, have been laboring day and night for several weeks in getting this report ready. The report will be full, and will contain as the law requires a statement of every item of receipt and expenditure from October 1887, to October, 1888.

Mr. George Browa who has had charge of the Selden yards of the Chicago Lumber Co., has been appointed manager of Colby yards. Mr. Browa comes among as highly recommended as a gentleman and business man, and as such we greet and welcome him with pleasure. Mr. Geo. Scott, who has assisted Mr. Train here, will for the time being, take charge of the company's affairs at Selden in Mr. Browa's place there.

A COMPLIMENT.—This office is in receipt of a beautifully and skillfully ornamented present from Master F. H. Summer, of Wendell township, this county, a son of W. H. Summer, and nephew of our county clerk. The present is a paper box and decachedron in shape, each of its 13 sides in different color and ornamented with pictures of birds, flowers and animals drawn with the pen. Prominent among the other drawings is that of a finely drawn cat. We extend our heartiest thanks to Mr. Summer for his present which is highly appreciated.

J. B. McGonigal is spending the week at Denver.

Don't fail to come and see the great jobs at Shimp's.

Germany has declared war on Sam—O. So has Bayha on stationery.

Hon. W. S. Wilcoxson visited Goodland this week on legal business.

I have picked out 50 men's suits worth \$12 to \$18 to go at \$10 each. SHIMP.

Mr. Newt Williams started for Purcell, I. T., Wednesday. This paper follows him to his new address.

Money to loan on improved farms in Thomas County, Kansas. Call on J. P. Bayha, Colby, Kans.

Judge R. S. Newell passed through Colby on Friday last en route for Burlington. Judge Newell and family now reside at Kansas City, Mo.

## \$10,000 on hand for chattel loans.

## F. C. Finnerty.

The State board of health in a late communication to Dr. V. Eddy say that there is a case of small pox at Ludell, Rawlins Co., but that there is no danger from it as it is isolated. It was derived from Oberlin.

Mr. Frank Pingree spent Monday and Tuesday visiting the legislature at Topeka. He found representative Stewardson O. K. and says that the shoe-string plan of division of our district meets with approval of our legislators.

## Baker perfect wire at Chicago Lumber Co.

Our old friend Frank Smith, so long with the Colby Hardware Co., in this city, returned from Oberlin last Tuesday looking well and hearty. He reports Mrs. Smith and children in good health and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Dr. Baritone, who had a severe attack of varioloid as almost entirely recovered.

You can buy—A pair of mittens for..... 25c Caps..... 25c All-wool underwear..... 50c All-wool socks..... 15c Mufflers..... 25c Overshoes..... \$1.00 In fact, everything goes at Shimp's.

## \$100,000 to loan at once on farm loans.

## F. C. Finnerty.

Why should it take nine days for the papers of this city to reach Otterbourne, is a question that many patrons of the latter office are asking. Our postal authorities should see to it that the 10 miles intervening between here and there are traversed more quickly.

Justice Van Metre performed his maiden marriage ceremony on Tuesday evening last, by pronouncing Geo. W. Cayton and Stella Johnson as man and wife. Justice Van Metre still survives, and is ready on the stipulated fee being paid to pass through the same ordeal for some other happy couple.

## Chicago Lumber Co. for all kinds of building material and best Coal.

## SMALLPOX SCARE.

We are all aware that smallpox is a disease that few people are looking for. But low prices and bargains we are always in search of, and as an enterprising class of people all are anxious to receive that disease. Having concluded to close out my present stock regardless of profit or cost, I will give you such bargains in Clothing, Overcoats, Pants, Underwear, Gloves and Mittens, Caps, etc., that will make you feel good, even should you have the dreaded disease after making a purchase. SHIMP, the Clothier.

## THE NEW DISTRICT.

Street, of Decatur, has introduced a bill for a new judicial district to be composed of the counties of Decatur, Rawlins, Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas and Sheridan. Chambers, of Sheridan, has introduced another bill, which would divide the present district east and west, making each, five counties long and one wide. The first is liable to be adopted, and ought to be. Possibly a compromise will be made by leaving Sheridan in the old district. Two shoe-string districts will be all right for the fellows in the east end that can't all be judge if left in the same territory. But that doesn't deserve any consideration in the settlement of the question. The social, political and business interests of the people call for square districts. Judge Pratt, looking at the matter as a fair man and a jurist, and not as schemer, favors the same.—McDonald Times.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Letters remaining in the Colby post office for the week ending Feb. 2, 1899

Calvert, G. L.; Rosendall, Allie; Wisdom, F. M.; Wisdom, A. O.

Parties calling for the above letters will please say "advertised."

1 cent due on each of the above for advertising. JAMES N. FIFE, P. M.

## DON'T EXPERIMENT.

You cannot afford to waste time in experimenting when your lungs are in danger. Consumption always seems at first only a cold. Do not permit any dealer to impose upon you with some cheap imitation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, but be sure you get the genuine. Because he can make more profit he may tell you he has something just as good, or just the same. Don't be deceived, but insist on getting Dr. King's New Discovery, which is guaranteed to give relief in all throat, lung and chest ailments. Trial bottles Long and Short editions. Trial bottles Long and Short editions. Large bottles \$2.00. D. A. FIFE, Agent.

## Beautiful Queen Esther.

## Artistic Rendition of the Cantata by Colby Talent.

Last night at Armory Hall the beautiful cantata, Queen Esther, was rendered by the Colby musical club. The following is the cast of characters for the principal parts of the Queen Esther cantata:

FIRST NIGHT.

King..... Wm. G. Weld

Queen..... Mrs. C. M. Hovey

Haman..... Mrs. E. Van Metre

Mordecai..... Mrs. A. G. Van Patten

Mordecai's Sister..... Jean Jardine

Prophetess..... James L. Loar

Scribe..... J. G. Timberlake

High Priest..... James L. Loar

King's Guards..... J. G. Timberlake

Queen's Attendants..... Miss Elsie Marble

Zeresh's Attendants..... Miss Talbert

THURSDAY NIGHT.

King..... Wm. G. Weld

Queen..... Miss Gertrude Andrews

Haman..... Ed P. Hovey

Mordecai..... Mrs. E. Van Metre

Mordecai's Sister..... Mrs. A. G. Van Patten

Prophetess..... Jean Jardine

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King's Guards..... J. G. Timberlake

Queen's Attendants..... Miss Elsie Marble

Zeresh's Attendants..... Miss Talbert

Among so many characters and where all have rendered their parts in good taste and such excellent manner it is difficult to particularize. In the leading parts Wm. G. Weld as King, and Mrs. C. M. Hovey as Queen, Mr. E. P. Hovey as Haman, Mr. E. Van Metre as Mordecai, and Mrs. E. Van Metre as Zeresh, Miss Jean Jardine, Prophetess and Mrs. A. G. Van Patten as Mordecai's sister, the characters were well sustained and the solos and duets were finely given. The young ladies and gentlemen supporters in their choruses rendered some fine music. The children's chorus was very excellent and reflects great credit not only on the little ones taking part but also on their instructors. The house was crowded and liberal applause was given at the close of each scene. The company has provided appropriate costumes and will repeat the performance with a change of characters, and is deserving of the most liberal support at the hands of our citizens. We trust the house may be again crowded to-night.

## IMPORTANT.

GENTLEMEN:—The Capital-Commonwealth is making the most complete legislative reports ever given in the state. Many